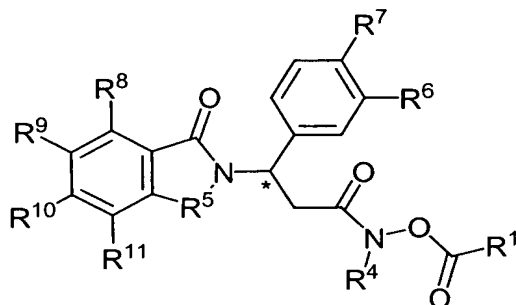


Amendments to the Specification

Please insert the following paragraph immediately following the paragraph ending on page 14, line 6:

The invention also relates to a compound of the formula:



in which

the carbon atom designated * constitutes a center of chirality;

R⁴ is hydrogen or -(C=O)-R¹², where

each of R¹ and R¹², independently of each other, is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, pyridyl, pyridyl methyl, imidazolyl, imidazolymethyl, or CHR^{*}(CH₂)_nNR^{*}R⁰

wherein R^{*} and R⁰, independently of the other, are hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, pyridylmethyl, pyridyl, imidazolyl or imidazolymethyl, and n = 0, 1, 2;

R⁵ is C=O or CH₂;

each of R⁶ and R⁷, independently of the other is alkoxy of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkoxy of 3 to 6 carbon atoms.; C₄-C₆-cycloalkylidenemethyl, C₂-C₁₀-alkylidenemethyl, C₆-C₁₈-bicycloalkoxy, C₆-C₁₈-tricycloalkoxy, 1-indanyloxy, or 2-indanyloxy; and

each of R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰, and R¹¹, independently of the others, is hydrogen, nitro, cyano, trifluoromethyl, carbethoxy, carbomethoxy, carbopropoxy, acetyl, halo, carbamoyl, acetoxo, carboxy, hydroxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, acylamino, alkyl of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and alkoxy of 1 to 10 carbon atoms.